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1. Polish sailors unanimously stated that in the Schichau yard in Elbing two-funneled destroyers of about 1,400 tons are under construction. Their characteristic feature is the remarkably low after-funnel. *
2. Nine large submarines of 1,000 tons were allegedly launched from this shipyard by September 1949. **

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* These vessels may be torpedo boats of the T 33 type, well known under the name of Schichau boats. Most of them, however, were built in Koenigsberg during the war. It seems doubtful, however, that the shipyard in Elbing is as yet capable of building such vessels as it was almost completely dismantled by the Soviets.

** The construction of the complete submarines by the Schichau yard seems improbable. Piece parts for submarines of the XXI type, e.g. gears, engines, etc, were built in Elbing during the war. These piece parts were shipped to Danzig on barges for final assembly. The construction of complete submarines in Elbing is impossible, as the lagoon is too shallow for them and requires continuous dredging.

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